

Woodley Residents Ask City To Deny More Driveways for Marriott Hotel

The Woodley Park Community Association opposes the application to the D.C. Government by the Marriott Wardman Park Hotel for two more driveways across the sidewalk on Woodley Road between 27th and 28th Streets, NW. The opposition is detailed in a letter sent today by WPCA to the Public Space Committee of the District Department of Transportation.

"They already have enough driveways on Woodley Road," said John Goodman, president of WPCA, "they don't need any more. The additional curb cuts will slow traffic and create hazards, particularly for the many pedestrians walking to the Connecticut Avenue Metro and the neighborhood schools and churches."

The developer's request will be heard at the Committee's meeting on June 22, 10 am, at 801 North Capitol Street, N.E.

The developer wants to change the configuration of the hotel and build a condominium tower on the hotel grounds. While contending that there will be no traffic increase, the developer is nonetheless asking for doubling, from two to four, the number of driveways for this property along Woodley Road. "The developer says it wants to use these driveways to separate hotel traffic from condominium traffic," Goodman said, "but it should do that on its own property without using public space and additional driveways."

Already a narrow residential street, Woodley Road is a busy thoroughfare, heavily used by pedestrians from Metro at the corner of Connecticut Ave., children from Oyster, Aidan Montessori and other schools, parishioners of St Thomas Apostle across the street from the hotel and the thousands of cars that DDOT studies show make this one of the busiest neighborhood streets in upper northwest. Adding two more driveways to those that already exist for this property would further slow traffic and endanger and interfere with pedestrians on this busy street. It would also add more traffic to Calvert Street, the exit point for one of the proposed new driveways.

For a copy of the Association's letter or for more information, contact [John Goodman](#), (202) 667-7630, or [Wes Bizzell](#), (202) 282-5855.